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12. All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, HONGKONG, April 25, 1884. 715

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H. A. HERBERT, Manager.

Hongkong, March 25, 1885. 522

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NOTICE.

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Canton, 1st April, 1885. 507

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More about Turks, Tibetans, Coreans, &c.

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Notes and Queries:—

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Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

To Contributors.

Hongkong, April 11, 1885.

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from the above Ports, Consignees of their
Goods—with the exception of Opium—are
being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Bona delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
3 p.m. TO-MORROW, the 13th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
20th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, April 13, 1885. 621

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Energia*, Capt. TORBOCK,
having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to
GJAN, unless notice to the contrary be
given, before noon To-morrow, the 14th
instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 22nd instant, or they will not be re-
cognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
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despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 16th instant.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

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To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW
(SHARP PEAK.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Imperial, Capt. M. YOUNG, will be
despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 13, 1885. 617

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Amoy, Capt. D'EVILLE, will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at
4 p.m.

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SIEMSEN & Co.

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despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

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FOR HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
Amoy, Captain D'EVILLE, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th instant,
at 10 a.m.

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SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

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FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND
BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
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Captain R. JONES, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th
instant, at Noon.

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YUEN FAT HONG,

Hongkong, April 13, 1885. 618

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The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Saturna

will leave for the above
places on SATURDAY, 18th instant, at
2 p.m.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 13, 1885. 622

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ARRIVALS
April 11, 1885:

Malacca, British steamer, 1,777, Atkinson,
Shanghai April 9, Mails and General—P.
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Malacca, British steamer, 1,323, T. C.
Titzek, Nagasaki April 7, General—Rus-
sell & Co.

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H. Arnold, Saigon April 7, Rice—Rus-
sell & Co.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
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Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
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SON, Bell & Co.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
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SON, Bell & Co.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
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Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
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Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 17:

Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 18:

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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 19:

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SON, Bell & Co.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 20:

Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
Scott, Hoihow April 11, General—ADAM-
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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 21:

Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
Scott, Hoihow April 11, General—ADAM-
SON, Bell & Co.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 22:

Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
Scott, Hoihow April 11, General—ADAM-
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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 23:

Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
Scott, Hoihow April 11, General—ADAM-
SON, Bell & Co.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 24:

Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
Scott, Hoihow April 11, General—ADAM-
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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 25:

Malacca, British steamer, 227, D.
Scott, Hoihow April 11, General—ADAM-
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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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ARRIVALS
April 26:

THE CHINA MAIL.

The ceremony of 'trooping the colours' by the *Buffs*, which was announced for this morning, has, we hear, been indefinitely postponed. Five or six companies of the *Buffs* were on the Parade Ground this afternoon, however, and went through a series of batalions and field exercises; forming squares, skirmishing, &c.

Four or five cases of larceny from the person, or highway robbery, were before the magistrates at the Police Court this morning. In one of these cases an American lady was robbed of a handbag which she was carrying, in the Public Gardens, in the day time, with her friends around her. The wave of burglaries which so recently passed over the Colony seems only to have given place to an equally serious wave of personal robbery.

A PARADE of the Government Fire Brigade was held this afternoon on the Praya in front of the City Hall, under the direction of the Superintendent, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Assistant Superintendent Horspool, and Mr. J. S. Brewer, Engineer. Several exercises in laying on hose, using the scaling ladders, &c., were gone through, and the No. 2 Steam Engine and some of the new hose were thoroughly tested and reported to be in excellent order.

The public will observe with pleasure that a question has been placed on the notice paper for next meeting of the Legislative Council concerning the action, if any, which has been taken by the Government on the resolution regarding the Defences of the Colony passed on the 1st instant. We are glad that the Senior Member of Council (the Hon. P. Bryce) has come forward in this matter, and can assure him that he will carry with him the heartiest sympathy of the community, who look to him and to his colleagues to maintain the independent position which is alone compatible with their presence at the Council table. That His Excellency the Governor may see the reasonableness of forwarding the objects of the resolution, is a hope which is justified by his previous remarks. But it would be refreshing to see a free and full discussion on the subjects in hand. Mr. Bryce and the other unofficial members have a clear duty before them. They need have no fear of Downing Street rebuffing before their eyes; while the nature of the circumstances, and the importance of the interests which they represent, ought to be sufficient to induce them to say freely and fearlessly what they really think and feel regarding the situation.

The following returns of the average amount of Bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong during the month ending 31st March, 1885, as supplied by the respective banks, are published in Saturday's *Gazette*:

Bank.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Merchant Bank of India, London and China.....	8	8
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.....	241,486	80,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	1,045,968	550,000
	2,900,452	1,000,000
	\$4,187,906	\$2,140,000

The following is the 'Order of the Day' for Wednesday's meeting of the Legislative Council:

1. The Honourable P. Bryce, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question:—With reference to the resolution passed at the meeting of Council on 1st April, what reply, if any, have been received from the Home Government.
2. The Attorney General to move that the Council resume the consideration, in Committee, of the Bill entitled:—A Bill for the Incorporation of the Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong.
3. The Attorney General to move the third reading of the Bill entitled:—The Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 185.
4. The Attorney General to move that the Council go into Committee on the Bill entitled:—The Married Women's Disposition of Property Ordinance, 185.
5. The Attorney General to move the second reading of the Bill to amend the Post Office Ordinance.

We append the resolution referred to in the question which is to be put by the Hon. P. Bryce, and we trust the Governor will be able to give a reply which will reassure the public:

'That in the opinion of this Council, there ought to be direct Telegraphic communication between Hongkong and Singapore, the nearest British Settlement, and that measures should be taken to supplement the defences of Hongkong, by obtaining with the least possible delay a flotilla of Torpedo Launches fully equipped.'

We have lately spoken out freely and perhaps strongly about the defences of this Colony, or rather the great need that existed—and exists—for adequate defensive measures being taken to protect the port.

There is as much reason as ever to continue a daily call upon the energies of all interested in this all-important matter. Rumours of a more peaceful nature, or rather that the prospects of immediate war were not so great, have a tendency to cause residents to slacken their efforts. It is pleasant, and the evidence of so dangerous a tendency, to find our morning contemporary again joining the ranks of those who call for greater security being given to the Colony.

Our semi-official contemporary has for some time been harping upon a different string; and it fairly forms ground for doubt whether, having espoused or essayed to represent the Governor's views on this

question, he now takes up those of the public. He now writes:—'The Imperial Government ought to authorise the immediate construction, locally, of sufficient torpedo-boats for the efficient protection of Hongkong and Singapore.' Now, this is exactly what the Imperial Government ought certainly to do; it is what the Government here have been asked by the Hon. T. Jackson to recommend; and it is the point which Sir George Bowen so carefully avoided. This local construction of torpedo-boats is both reasonable and necessary, and it would, we believe, effect a considerable saving of money. It may now be expected that every representation, both by telegraph and despatch, will be made to Downing Street touching this matter.

As will be seen from our Police Court report for to-day, the salt dealer Tong Asam, who was arrested on a charge of conspiring with others to forcibly abduct from the Colony and hand over to the Chinese authorities the broker Chan Kam Sui, on the 5th Feb. last, has been discharged from custody. The case has been remanded from time to time since the defendant was first charged, on the 21st March, for the production of evidence from Canton, where the unfortunate man was believed to be confined by the Chinese authorities in the Nam-hoi prison. The evidence against the salt dealer was not very strong, except upon the point that the kidnapped man was last seen in his company, and that he led Ching Atai, the wife of the victim of the conspiracy, to believe that he knew what had become of her husband. Enquiries were to be made by the British Consul at Canton into the matter, but no information obtained from him has been laid before the magistrate. All that we are told is that no hope of the complainant being able to put in an appearance. The last clause is bitterly ironical. Of course there is little chance of any unfortunate who has fallen into the clutches of the Chinese mandarins, and been thrown into a Chinese gaol, being able to appear and give evidence in a British Court against the agents who entrapped him. As well expect a murdered man to come and give evidence against his murderer.

Whether the late prisoner Tong Asam was guilty of being concerned in the abduction of the unfortunate Chan Kam Sui or not, there seems no reason to doubt the witnesses who swear to the facts that he was actually kidnapped, handed over to the Canton officials, and is either by this time beheaded or still languishing in a Chinese prison. The public have a right to know whether the Government have actually made the necessary enquiries into the matter at Canton, and if they have, to state the result of their investigations.

In its main features the present case is similar to the famous one in which Lou Lun Kwai, on the 6th October, 1874, was sentenced by Chief Justice Smale to more than two life terms of penal servitude. In delivering sentence on that occasion the Chief Justice said:—'There seems to be a misapprehension of the rights and powers of foreigners, and especially foreign officials, in this Colony. This Island is British soil as much as London, the capital. Every foreigner, European or Chinese, becomes by mere residence, and during his residence in this Colony, in a modified sense, a British subject; he is subject to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of this Colony, and our honour, our public faith, becomes pledged for the protection of every such foreigner, whether European or Chinese.' Our protection of the unfortunate Chan Kam Sui has been of a very feeble nature, and if the case be allowed to drop without some official statement as to the results of the consular investigations at Canton, our Chinese subjects will have very just grounds of complaint.

H. M. S. *Li*, of arrived at Wansing on the 4th instant, and left again yesterday, despatch unknown.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says the Hon. J. Russell Young is about to be relieved by Mr. Smithers, late Consul at Chinkiang.

The German gunboat *Nantun*, which wintered at Tientsin, arrived at Shanghai on the 8th instant.

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At a Convocation of the Zou R. A. Chapter No. 570 E.C., held at the Masonic Hall at Shanghai on Thursday the 2nd inst., the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Comp. J. M. Cory.....Z.
" R. D. Starkey.....H.
" R. A. Gubsey.....J.
" J. S. Macmillan.....Scribe E.
" E. P. Macgregor.....P.S.
Ex-Comp. T. W. King.....Treasurer.
Comp. R. W. Astill.....Organist.
Charles Merle.....Janitor.

The ceremony of installation was conducted by Ex-Comp. C. Thorne.—N.C. D. News.

the Treasury Board of the Government of Macao. Defendants entered an appearance in the suit, and on the 11th, a further order was made by which the defendants were not only to be allowed to defend but were also to be permitted to deny to the plaintiff's petition on the ground of want of jurisdiction; notwithstanding their appearance under this order, he took it that he would not be competent for defendant now, but they must wait until the petition had been filed for him to bring it forward. He merely mentioned the name of a witness to show the position in which defendants had been placed by these proceedings. An appearance having been entered, and the question of challenging the jurisdiction being postponed until a subsequent stage of the case, a writ of foreign attachment has been obtained, and the property which formed the subject matter of the suit has been arrested. Then, instead of plaintiffs taking measures to the suit, to bring the question of jurisdiction properly before the court, they were holding back, and filing no petition at all. That was really using the order made by the court as a means of harassing the defendant, it is said, from a view to relieve defendants, it is possible from that position that this action was brought forward. In support of his application he would add three affidavits. The defendant had been brought forward, he would make all arrangements for his defence, and he told me to wait until we made another voyage to Saigon, and on arrival in Hongkong again, he would let the go on shore and make all arrangements. On our arrival on 9th, he reminded Captain of his promise, when he said: 'I will not let you go,' and denied having told me I could do so. I trusted to his word and generosity as a gentleman. I therefore told him I would do no duty until I had seen the Master Attendant, or a Civil Magistrate.

On the return of the ship to Hongkong, defendant renewed his request to be discharged, and complainant said he would make enquiries of the person who was to engage him, but that he was not inclined to give him his discharge on account of his previous bad conduct in getting drunk and refusing duty. Defendant had since then refused to 'turn to.'

Defendant handed in a written statement, saying he was ill at speaking. The statement was as follows:—

18. S. Vespasian.

'On about 16th March, while I was introduced to a gentleman in Town, who wished to engage me in his establishment, he said to me: "I will give you a word if I could better myself. It took him as his word for granted. Meanwhile ship was ready for sea, or nearly so. Asked the Captain again, and he told me to wait until we made another voyage to Saigon, and on arrival in Hongkong again, he would let the go on shore and make all arrangements. On our arrival on 9th, he reminded Captain of his promise, when he said: "I will not let you go," and denied having told me I could do so. I trusted to his word and generosity as a gentleman. I therefore told him I would do no duty until I had seen the Master Attendant, or a Civil Magistrate.'

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'Remarks.—Saturday, 11th, stopped my allowance of provisions; Sunday, stopped food; Monday, stopped food.'

'The Magistrate sentenced defendant to be imprisoned for three days with hard labour, and to forfeit two days' pay.'

Monday 13th

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Defendant stated that he wished to raise some money to take him home. Two previous convictions were proved against him and he was sentenced by the full Bench to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

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From the evidence it appeared that complainant was walking in Queen's Road Central at 9 a.m. on the 7th, when the defendant came up behind and snatched her carriages from her ears and ran away. He was stopped by two coolies and threw the carriages back towards complainant.

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